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PTO News

Parent Teacher Organization...we're all members!

Have a fantastic summer!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Now-June 5th
Garage Sale, small item drop off
- May 28th
Burger King night, 4:30-7:30
- May 29th, 4-7pm
Garage Sale, all item drop off
- May 30th, 12-5pm
Garage Sale, all item drop off
- June 5th, 9:45-10:45am
6th Grade Recognition Breakfast
- Jun 5th, 1:45-6pm
Garage Sale—tell friends!
- June 6th, 9am-5pm
Garage Sale
- June 7th, 12-3pm
Garage Sale Clearance, \$1/bag
- Sept 2nd, 5-6:30pm
Open House—meet your teachers
- Sept 8th
School Begins—Welcome Back!
- Sept 15th, 5:30-8pm
School Picnic, PTO & Troupe Meetings

These items are listed on the Birch Grove website on the PTO Calendar page.

THANK YOU CORNER!

We want to extend a thank you to all the members of the 2008-09 PTO Board:

LeAnne Tieman, *President*

Lori Swedeen, *Vice President*

Scott Noland, *Treasurer*

Janean Huser, *Secretary*

Lisa Monson, *Teacher Rep.*

Pam Gangestad, *Volunteer Coordinator*

Thank you for the wonderful Ice Cream Social and for all your hard work and dedication throughout the year.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT YEAR

There will be a few changes to the PTO next year.

OFFICERS:

Elections were held at the final PTO meeting:

Co-Presidents: **LeAnne Tieman & Jodie Albrecht**

Vice President: **Karon Tolefson**

Unfortunately, we still have many positions open. Not only do we need a Treasurer and Secretary, we also need to fill many of our committee chair positions. **Please** see the reverse side to see where you can help!

MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

We have changed up the time and date of the PTO meetings for next year.

Based on the PTO survey, we are planning to have the meetings after school at 4:30 and

we are flipping each month between Tuesdays and Thursdays in an attempt to involve more people. (The Picnic and Ice Cream Social nights will remain the same.)

The first one following this new schedule will be on Thursday, October 8th, 4:30-5:45.

Please see the PTO website page for the complete calendar.

THE CHIP SHOPPE:

We've added a new fundraiser next year with The Chip Shoppe, based locally out of St. Cloud. They generously donated the cookie dough to make 240 cookies for the kindergarten production of "Peter Rabbit" and they also donated all 3 of the inflatables for the ice cream social.

They will be at our Open House in the fall with samples for fami-

lies to taste and view in person. We have agreed upon a 2 year trial with them. This will replace the Market Day fundraiser.

Thank you to **Lori Noland** for chairing this event.

AUCTION:

The Auction will be held at Turkey Bingo this year. There will be no Auction at the Carnival.

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We're looking forward to another exciting year at Birch Grove. Please find out how you can get involved. The more the merrier!

For more information:

Email:

BirchGrovePTO@yahoo.com

Or contact our

Volunteer Coordinator:

Pam Gangestad

763-561-1374

gangestadp@district279.org

HOW MUCH DID WE RAISE?

We had a much better fundraising year this year. We're back in the plus column and we had a lot of fun in the process.

So, just how did we do?

\$3,800—Carnival
\$3,500—Market Day Silver Bell
\$2,900—Read A Thon
\$2,800—Happenings/Gold C
\$1,500—Scholastic Bookfairs
\$1,500—Turkey Bingo
\$1,500—Box Tops...wow!
\$800—Burger King Nights
\$700—Food Perspectives
\$550—Market Day Food Program
\$200—Kemps Give 'M Five
\$170—Cash Donations "opt out"

2009-10 BUDGET

So, how are we going to spend our budget next year? We are funding the same usual items plus we're hoping to be able to purchase 2-3 document cameras for the classrooms.

What we pay for:

\$5,600—Volunteer Coordinator Salary & Supplies
\$3,000—Field Trips
\$2,000—Behavior Recognition Events
\$900—Room Parties
\$850—School Patrol Field Trip
\$600—Hospitality (dinner for teachers on conference nights, etc.)
\$400—6th Grade Recognition Breakfast
\$200—Popcorn Fridays
\$150—Playground Supplies
\$150—Sunshine (gifts for significant events)
\$100—Ice Cream Social
\$100—Administrative Expenses

PTO BOARD	2009-2010
Co-Presidents	Jodie Albrecht, LeAnne Tieman
Vice-President	Karon Tollefson
Co-Treasurers	
Co-Secretaries	
Teacher Representative	
Principal	Jeff Zastrow
Curriculum Integration Coordinator	Stephanie Vleck

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC	PTO Past President, PTO President
AUDITOR	Dawn Sivanich
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS	
BURGER KING	LeAnne Tieman
CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS	
CARNIVAL COMMITTEES:	
CARNIVAL GAMES	Jodie Albrecht
CARNIVAL CONCESSIONS	
CARNIVAL RAFFLE	
CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS	
DOMINO'S DOUGH RAISING NIGHT	
FOOD PERSPECTIVES	Patti Guenther
GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS	
GOLD C / ENTERTAINMENT	Karon Tollefson
HOSPITALITY	
KEMPS GIVE EM FIVE	Pam Gangestad
NEWSLETTER	Dawn Sivanich
READ A THON	Anne Johnson, Michelle Thompson
SCHOOL SUPPLIES	Lori Noland
SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION	Dawn Sivanich
SUNSHINE	Danielle Sherva
THE CHIP SHOPPE	Lori Noland
TURKEY BINGO	Jodie Albrecht
BINGO CONCESSIONS	Karon Tollefson
BINGO AUCTION	

Several of these positions can be done at home: Campbell's Soup Labels, Cartridges for Kids, & General Mills Box Tops.

Scholastic Bookfairs happen twice per year and there are many volunteers who help staff each fair.

Turkey Bingo and the Carnival happen once per year and there are many people who help.

Please consider giving a little time to our school. Every little bit helps.

For a full explanation of all these opportunities, please contact the PTO by email at birchgrovepto@yahoo.com or contact our Volunteer Coordinator. Pam Gangestad, 763-561-1374, gangestad@district279.org.